



U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20535

April 18, 2017

MR. JOHN GREENEWALD JR.

FOIPA Request No.: 1362221-000
Subject: FISHER, EDWIN JACK

Dear Mr. Greenewald:

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552. Deletions have been made to protect information which is exempt from disclosure, with the appropriate exemptions noted on the page next to the excision. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted in the file to indicate where pages were withheld entirely. The exemptions used to withhold information are marked below and explained on the enclosed Explanation of Exemptions:

Section 552

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Section 552a

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7 pages were reviewed and 7 pages are being released.

☐ Document(s) were located which originated with, or contained information concerning, other Government Agency (ies) [OGA].

☐ This information has been referred to the OGA(s) for review and direct response to you.

☐ We are consulting with another agency. The FBI will correspond with you regarding this information when the consultation is completed.

☒ In accordance with standard FBI practice and pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and Privacy Act exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. § 552/552a (b)(7)(E)/(j)(2)], this response neither confirms nor denies the existence of your subject's name on any watch lists.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010)). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist. Enclosed for your information is a copy of the Explanation of Exemptions.

For questions regarding our determinations, visit the www.fbi.gov/foia website under "Contact Us." The FOIPA Request Number listed above has been assigned to your request. Please use this number in all correspondence concerning your request. Your patience is appreciated.

You may file an appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIAonline portal by creating an account on the following web site: <https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days from the date of this letter in order to be considered timely. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

You may seek dispute resolution services by contacting the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at 877-684-6448, or by emailing ogis@nara.gov. Alternatively, you may contact the FBI's FOIA Public Liaison by emailing foipaquestions@ic.fbi.gov. If you submit your dispute resolution correspondence by email, the subject heading should clearly state "Dispute Resolution Services." Please also cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

☐ The enclosed material is from the main investigative file(s) in which the subject(s) of your request was the focus of the investigation. Our search located additional references, in files relating to other individuals, or matters, which may or may not be about your subject(s). Our experience has shown when ident, references usually contain information similar to the information processed in the main file(s). Because of our significant backlog, we have given priority to processing only the main investigative file(s). If you want the references, you must submit a separate request for them in writing, and they will be reviewed at a later date, as time and resources permit.

☒ See additional information which follows.

Sincerely,



David M. Hardy
Section Chief
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Records Management Division

Enclosures (2)

In response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, enclosed is a processed copy of your requested records.

The enclosed material represents the final release of information regarding your FOIA request.

Enclosed are 3 cross-references which are identifiable with the subject of your request. Cross references are defined as mentions of the subject of your request in files to other individuals, organizations, events, or activities. In processing the cross-references, the pages considered for possible release included only those pages which mention the subject of your request and any additional pages showing the context in which the subject of your request was mentioned. The cross-reference pages were processed pursuant to the provisions of the FOIA and are being released to you in redacted form.

For your information, a search of the indices to our Central Records System reflected there were additional records potentially responsive to your FOIA request. We have attempted to obtain this material so it could be reviewed to determine whether it was responsive to your request. We were advised that the potentially responsive records were not in there expected location and could not be located after a reasonable search. Following a reasonable waiting period, another attempt was made to obtain this material. This search for the missing records also met with unsuccessful results.

Records that may be responsive to your FOIA request has been transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). You may desire to direct a request to NARA, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-60001. Please reference the file numbers 92-HQ-6859 and 92-HQ-6667.

A search of the FBI Headquarters electronic surveillance indices has been conducted, and no responsive record which indicates that Edwin Fisher has ever been the target of electronic surveillance was located.

This material is being provided to you at no charge.

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 6-3-80 BY SP-5 RD/b/a
CT# 86,754

March 6, 1968

BY LIAISON

AGREE 9803 RDD/LMB 6/14/93
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Mrs. Mildred Stegall
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Stegall:

Reference is made to your name check request
concerning Richard Adler and other individuals.

The central files of the FBI contain no identifiable
pertinent information concerning the following individuals:

Bing Crosby B. S. [redacted] USA
Peter Gennaro - NY
Bob Mathias - USA
Helen Willis Moody - USA
Donald O'Connor B. S. [redacted] USA

The fingerprint files of the Identification Division of
the FBI contain no arrest data identifiable with the above individuals
based upon background information submitted in connection with this
name check request.

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Attached are separate memoranda regarding the
following individuals:

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Richard Adler
Leonard Bernstein
Eddie Fisher
James Garner
Gene Kelly
[redacted]

Anthony Mann
Mercedes McCambridge
Edmond O'Brien
Jan Sterling
[redacted]
Philip Wylie

ENCLOSURE

A copy of this communication has not been sent to
the Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosures (13)
1 - Mr. DeLoach (sent direct) - Enclosures
1 - Mr. Gale (sent direct) - Enclosures

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March 5, 1968

~~EDDIE FISHER~~ - Sunny
B. 8-10-28, Philadelphia, Pa.

Captioned individual, who is the well-known entertainer, has not been the subject of an investigation conducted by the FBI.

Information was received in 1967, that an uncle of Mr. Fisher, who is his mother's brother, was active in a number of organizations cited by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450. Upon interview by representatives of the FBI, that individual denied membership in the Communist Party.

The fingerprint files of the Identification Division of the FBI contain no arrest data identifiable with Eddie Fisher based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

NOTE: Per request of Mrs. Mildred Stegall, White House Staff.

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62-5-30389
ENCLOSURE

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☐ Name Searching Unit - Room 6527
☐ Service Unit - Room 6524
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☐ Return to _____
 Supervisor _____ Room _____ Ext. _____

Type of References Requested:

☐ Regular Request (Analytical Search)
☒ All References (Subversive & Nonsubversive)
☐ Subversive References Only
☐ Nonsubversive References Only
☒ Main _____ References Only
 + Must Recite Yes

Type of Search Requested:

☐ Restricted to Locality of _____
☐ Exact Name Only (On the Nose)
☐ Buildup ☐ Variations

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Subject Fisher, Eddie
 Birthdate & Place 8-10-28 Phila., Pa.
 Address Edwin Jack Fisher

Localities

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August 21, 1972

BY LIAISON

Honorable Alexander P. Butterfield
Deputy Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Butterfield:

Reference is made to your ⁰name check request concerning Michel Alaux and some other individuals.

Attached are separate memoranda concerning the following individuals:

Michel Alaux

Eddie Fisher

Mr. and Mrs. Don Gibson

Lester Lanin

Agnes Moorehead

Sincerely yours,

L. Patrick Gray, III

L. Patrick Gray, III
Acting Director

Enclosures (8)

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1 - Mr. Cleveland - Enclosures (sent direct)

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August 21, 1972

~~EDDIE~~ FISHER - Summary

Captioned individual, who you advised resides at 256 North Wetherly Drive, Beverly Hills, California, and is the well-known entertainer, has not been the subject of an investigation conducted by the FBI.

D.C. Information was received in 1967 that an uncle of Mr. Fisher, who is his mother's brother, was active in a number of organizations cited by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450. Upon interview by representatives of the FBI, that individual denied membership in the Communist Party.

The central files of the FBI, including the files of the Identification Division, contain no additional pertinent information concerning captioned individual based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request.

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DATE 3/27/00 BY SP4BJP/ANP

NOTE: Per request of Alexander P. Butterfield, Deputy Assistant to the President.

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☒ Main Person References Only

Type of Search Requested:

☐ Restricted to Locality of Ca.
☐ Exact Name Only (On the Nose)
☐ Buildup ☐ Variations

Subject W. L. Fisher, R. L. Fisher
 Birthdate & Place 8/10/28
 Address _____

Localities

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FILE NUMBER

SERIAL

NI 88-50149
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 ND 92-3171-2256 232 (ND)
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Fisher, Edwin Jack (AKA)
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DATE 3/27/00

BY SP4BJA/RNP

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *answ*

DATE: October 12, 1962

FROM : C. A. Evans *Car*SUBJECT: FRANK SINATRA *0*

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DATE 9/7/79 BY 2602/nk *mc*

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Belmont ☒
Mohr ☒
Casper ☒
Callahan ☒
Conrad ☒
DeLoach ☒
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Holmes ☒
Gandy ☒

Further indication of the control and influence of the Chicago hoodlum organization in the operation of Las Vegas gambling casinos is evident in connection with the forthcoming appearance of singer Eddie Fisher as the star attraction at the reopening of the plush Villa Venice Supper Club, Wheeling, Illinois, on October 31, 1962. Also appearing at this supper club following Fisher's engagement are Sammy Davis, Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin. - Wheeling is a suburb of Chicago.

Fisher, who is now appearing in New York, was to follow his New York appearance with a month's engagement at the Desert Inn in Las Vegas. The Chicago hoodlum organization of Samuel Giancana, however, made it known that they wanted Fisher to appear at the Villa Venice on October 31, 1962. They told the Desert Inn that Fisher could split his Las Vegas engagement in order to make a week's appearance in Chicago. Later they decided they wanted Fisher for three weeks instead of one week.

The operators of the Desert Inn headed by Morris Barney Dalitz felt that such an arrangement would be bad for Desert Inn business. Fisher and his manager were of the opinion that such an arrangement would have an adverse effect on Fisher's career, going from a smash New York engagement to an unknown supper club in Wheeling, Illinois. Neither Morris Barney Dalitz nor Fisher nor his manager had the courage to express their reluctance for this arrangement.

Frank Sinatra reportedly said to Eddie Fisher "Look, you're going over here for 18 days, never mind about the Desert Inn, I already handled that. I take care of that. They do what I tell them." According to our source, the instructions and messages relating to these arrangements were sent by Samuel Giancana to Las Vegas with

so
[redacted] the Desert Inn who is believed to look out for the interests of the Chicago group at this hotel.

ACTION

The information above is from our highly confidential source [redacted] Las Vegas. We are closely following the operation [redacted] and the investigation of [redacted] is being intensified.

VFL: asg

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c.c. to Mr. Tolson